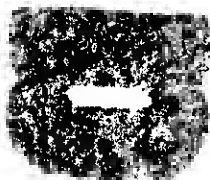
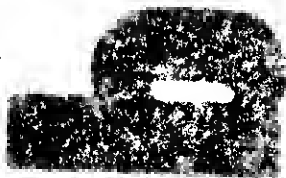
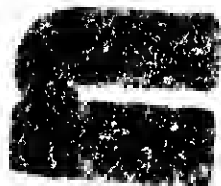


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The howls of protest against the small size and dull contents of issue number 5 have not gone unheard in the ALBION offices. Nor, for that matter, have the louder howls arising from the request to send more money, although these have been unaccompanied, for the most part, by the actual cash. (Hint). The editor refuses point-blank to give up smoking, drinking, snooker and indeed any of the vices he is reputed (note the 'reputed') to indulge in. He also refuses to learn to type correctly, thus ensuring poor quality printing in ALBION.

We still have insufficient interest in the Bourse to think of starting a game, and I am afraid the idea must be shelved at least for the time being until more players want to join. Come on, fellers - it isn't all that difficult! Even the editor can understand the procedure.

PARLEMENT purchasers continue to send cash, so it is hoped we might get a game under way soon - that is if anyone can explain the rules to me.....

Talking of games, the ALBION staff think it is high time we got another off the ground to be reported in these psages. Proposals later in this issue.

It's nice to see the subscription list still growing; there are no less than three new subscribers this issue, and still no-one has demanded a refund. (You aren't serious, sre you???)

Quite a bit to read in this issue - new games, rule interpretations etc. So I will let you get on with it.

New ALBION games!

I think it's about time we got some new games off the ground, with 69/1 now moving into its fourth game year in issue 7, and players becoming used to the idea. In addition we have some non-playing subscribers in the region, all of whom are raring to get to grips with the game. It's not much fun watching others making a mess of it, after all.

Before going into details, please remember the following:-

- 1). Players in ALBION games do not subscribe to the magazine directly, but by means of the game fee; if they are already subscribers before their game starts, their credit will be extended until such a time as they become non-players again, or it can be put towards the game fee if the individual wishes.
- 2). Players must also let the gamesmaster have some cash to cover postage of as many issues as they wish; this is conveniently sent with the game fee. If the game ends before the postage credit runs out, it can be credited against future subscription.
- 3). ALBION is primarily published to spread the Diplomacy word around the British Isles; for some games, therefore, entry will be limited to players in the British Isles and Ireland. This policy also allows for a quick game, with deadlines perhaps 12 days apart. Some games, however, are run on longer deadlines in order to allow overseas players to take part.
- 4). In choosing players for a new game, precedence is always given to players who have not previously participated. A tightly folded £5 note also helps to establish priority.

Now for the new games.

ALBION 69/2.

This will be a 'regular' game, played in accordance with the house rules. Entry is limited to British players; deadlines will be about 12 days apart, with a longer time allowed for initial diplomacy. The game fee will be 10/-.

Countries will be drawn by lot; players involved in 69/1 may enter on the assurance that they will be allocated to a different country to the one they represent in 69/1.

Precedence is given to the four non-playing subscribers in the British Isles.

Applications please by Friday October 24th. I would particularly like the four non-playing subscribers (Ray Evans, Harry Tucker, Bob Thomas and Bob Stuart) to confirm that they would like to join in 69/2.

ALBION 69/3.

Just to vary things, this will be a Hyperspace Diplomacy game, described on the next page. Additions to the house rules will be issued. Entry is open to anyone; deadlines will be about 24 days apart, which should suit American players. The moves will be reported in every alternate issue of ALBION. The game fee will be 10/-.

Countries will be drawn by lot; players in 69/1 and/or 69/2 may enter.

Applications please by Friday October 24th.

Postage rates for American players.

Clearly any American player in 69/3 is going to want ALBION by airmail. Printed Matter airmail costs 7d. per half-ounce, so the postage expense shouldn't be crippling. Anyone interested should send a postage payment with the game fee and see how long it lasts (you can count the stamps and work out whether I am twisting you or not).

Note to everyone.

Please do NOT send game fees for 69/2 or 69/3 yet, just in case there are more applicants than countries. I will announce the names of players, hopefully, in issue 8.

HYPERSPACE DIPLOMACY.

Despite the title, the game is really quite simple to grasp, and I can assure you that an intimate knowledge of Hypertweedle and his history is NOT required. Despite the simplicity of the rules, strategy could be quite complex, and I look forward to a game in which chaos reigns supreme (even more than it does in 69/1).

The normal Diplomacy rules apply, with the following addition:-

With each set of orders, a player may also order CONNECT or DISCONNECT or both. CONNECT links together provinces not physically connected in the board - thus Ankara could be linked to Edinburgh, Moscow to Spain. DISCONNECT severs the connection between two provinces which are physically connected in the board, or which have been connected by another player.

CONNECT and DISCONNECT orders apply to the next move only; the set of orders received for Spring 1904, for instance, would use the connections/disconnections established in Autumn 1903.

Naturally, a player may order CONNECT for two provinces and DISCONNECT for two others at the same time. A CONNECT order and a DISCONNECT order for the same pair of provinces, ordered at the same time (but by different players, presumably) cancel out and the normal board situation resumes.

CONNECT and DISCONNECT orders stand for one move only, after which the situation reverts to normal - unless of course the connection or disconnection is maintained by another order.

CONNECT and DISCONNECT orders are not revealed until the turn in which they apply; neither do players get to know who has ordered the connection/disconnection (at least not through the pages of ALBION).

Strategy, tactics and diplomacy are all obviously affected quite a good deal by this extra facility. Imagine the amazement of a British player who suddenly finds a Russian fleet ordered from the Black Sea to Liverpool, and the chagrin of the German who orders the innocent move A(Ber)-Kie, only to find that an unknown enemy has severed the connection between these two provinces.

Connections can, of course, carry supports and convoys (although the movement potential of each unit remains the same; a connection between Ankara and North Sea would not permit an army to make the move).

The additional facility of the game allows for some unusual alliances and movement; this could make the game fascinating, but sheer murder for the gamesmaster.

By the way, the Editor assures all readers that this game is not the product of his warped imagination. In fact, I am not sure who invented the variant originally - perhaps one of the American readers can help me?

Any questions on the rulings should be sent to the gamesmaster (me) as soon as possible. Don't make them too hard.

I hope readers get the spirit of the game, and look forward to starting ALBION 69/4 because of the hordes of applicants.

DIPLOMACY RULE DISPUTES/INTERPRETATIONS.

No. 3 - KONING'S RULE PLUS.

Consider the following set of orders:-

Germany: A(Kie)-Ber.

France: A(Ber)-Kie. A(Mun) S A(Ber)-Kie. A(Pru)-Ber.

The French army from Berlin certainly reaches Kiel, since it is attacking, with support, an unsupported defender. But does the army from Prussia reach Berlin, or does it stand off with the attack on Berlin from Kiel?

If we take the actual ruling of the rule book into consideration, the stand-off apparently takes place, since 'two units ordered to the same space may neither move'. However, still in the rule book, but this time in the examples of play, an instance occurs just as above (action between Russia and England around Norway) in which the move Pru-Ber would be allowed. Players who wish to check this should refer to the Spring 1902 orders.

The question of whether a dislodged unit, in this case the A(Kie), can stand off another unit trying to enter the space from which the dislodging attack came, has been one of the most violently debated issues in the whole history of postal Diplomacy. Cases arise frequently in actual games; the subjects of many other disputes are mainly pretty rare in practice.

The famous issue of BROBDINGNAG, already quoted many times in these pages, is never far from my side when such considerations arise. The issue gave the results of the 'voting' on Koning's Rule, which is 'if a unit attempting to enter province A from province B is dislodged by an attack from A, then it may not stand off another unit trying to enter A from elsewhere'.

GRAUSTARK does not allow Koning's Rule.

ARMAGEDDONIA, EREHWON and BROBDINGNAG all allow the rule.

(Note that these results appeared in Brobdingnag in July 1968 - things might have changed since then, and John Boardman might now be allowing Koning's rule).

ALBION, as usual, is tactful in finding with the majority. The rule appears in the ALBION house rules, and will remain there.

As far as I am concerned, the rule book itself sets the precedent for the rule, and who am I to argue with Allan Calhauer???

The rule carries some extensions.

1. Wells' Extension. Koning's rule still operates even if the dislodged unit was supported in its attack (if the entering unit was equally well supported).

2. Turner's Extension. If no unit follows the victorious unit into the province it vacated, that province is available for retreat for another dislodged unit, since it was not left vacant due to stand-off.

Thus:-

Turkey: A(Bul)-Rum.

Russia: A(Rum)-Bul. F(Bla) S A(Rum)-Bul.

If no unit is ordered to enter Rumania, a dislodged A(Gal), for example, could retreat to Rumania.

Note that Koning's rule is implicit in Miller's rule. The fact that these two important rulings confirm each other to a certain extent only emphasises their validity.

The following situation, by way of contrast, is almost totally unrealistic, yet quite valid in the context of the rule book.

No. 4 - THE FORCE ATTACKED ON BOTH SIDES.

Consider the effect of the following set of orders on a German army in Munich:-

France: A(Bur)-Mun. A(Ruh) S A(Bur)-Mun.

Italy: A(Tyr)-Mun. A(Beh) S A(Tyr)-Mun.

Is the German army dislodged, or (if no retreat is available) eliminated? After all, it is being attacked by units totalling four times its own strength; and again, if France or Italy had made the ordered attack, and the other country had let the units stand, then the Munich army is certainly dislodged or eliminated, as the case may be.

To quote John McCallum - "There was considerable discussion about cases like these in the early days, the feeling being that a force too weak to withstand the assault of a single aggressive neighbour certainly wouldn't be able to hold off attacks from two. The lamentable history of Poland would seem to support this point of view".

However, the plain fact is that the German army is totally unaffected by these attacks. Before you scream 'Nonsense' and reach for the typewriter, let's just have another look at the rule book. Ah yes, here it is - 'a unit is only dislodged (or eliminated, having no retreat) when a hostile unit succeeds in occupying the space which the unit previously held'. Now the French and Italian attacks, being of equal strength, certainly stand each other off; therefore no occupation of Munich; therefore no dislodging of the German army there.

Simple, ain't it? As Arte Johnson might say - "Very interesting, but stupid". The German army withstands attacks by four times its

own strength.

Let's add more fuel to the flames by adding the orders:-

Austria: A(Ber)-Mun. A(Sil) S A(Ber)-Mun.

And the German army still stands, this time at 1-6 odds! This could go on for as long as pairs of provinces are available adjacent to Munich.

This interpretation is followed by virtually everyone nowadays (including ALBION). It is a remarkable example of the difference in fundamentals between the game of Diplomacy and any other war game we know; in turn, this points to the fact that Diplomacy is less of a war game than a diplomatic game, which in turn is obvious anyway.

Thus, taking refuge in a circular argument, the ALBION editor once again supports the view of the majority, so ensuring himself, if not a place in Heaven, at least moderate comfort beforehand.

Incidentally, I hope readers approve the inclusion of this series of articles - you have all been remarkably reticent about it so far. Perhaps this last example will jolt you into action.

New subscribers.

Add to the ALBION list of subscribers:

Bob Thomas, 155 Coxford Road, Shirley Warren, Southampton SO1 6JX.

Bob Stuart, 3 Millwood Road, Orpington, Kent.

George A. Patton Jnr., 1841 Suffolk Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43221, U.S.A.

Pre Game Report Miscellany.

My wife, Margaret, welcomes letters from other war-gaming 'widows', with particular emphasis on helpful advice for getting rid of war-games.

A new French cartoon is published herein - see later.

The Auntie Edith problem column has a problem - noone else is sending in their problems. Can anyone help?

Hypertweedle is reputed to be well and living in Transylvania.

Copies of Shakespeare and Dispatcher for sale. Apply the editor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Players in 69/1 particularly note that Russia has moved. The new address is:-

Chris Hancock,
17 Mallard Road,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

This takes effect immediately.

REPORT

ALBION 69/1.

Autumn 1903.

The moves:-

Austria (Nethercott); A(Bud)-Ser. A(Vie) S A(Tri).
A(Tri) S A(Vie).

England (Munro); No orders received.
 F(NWG) stands. A(Edi) stands.
 F(NTH) stands.

France (Watson); F(IRE)-Liv. A(Bre)-Lon.
 F(ENC) C A(Bre)-Lon. A(Bel) stands.
 A(Bur) stands. F(MAO)-WMS.

Germany (Newcombe); F(BAL)-Swe. F(Den) S F(BAL)-Swe.
A(Ber)-Pru. A(Mun) S A(Ber)-Pru.
A(Hol) stands.

Italy (Robertson); F(ADS)-IOS. F(Apu) S F(ADS)-IOS.
A(Ven)-Tri. A(Tyr)-Boh.

Russia (Hancock); F(Nor) stands. A(Swe) S F(Nor).
 F(GoB) S A(Swe). A(Pru) stands.
 A(Liv) S A(Pru). A(War)-Sil.
 F(Bul-EC) stands.

Turkey (Wood); F(IOS)-Tun. F(AES)-IOS.
 A(Gre) stands. A(Con) stands.
 A(Alb) S Austrian A(Tri).

Notation:- S=supports. C=convoys. Underlined moves fail.

WMS = Western Mediterranean Sea.

Builds.

Austria controls Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser. Builds 1 for 4.
 England controls ~~Vie~~, ~~Tri~~, Edi. Removes 2 for 1.
 France controls Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Bel, Spa, Lon, Liv.
 Builds 2 for 8.
 Italy controls Ven, Rom, Nep, ~~Vie~~. Removes 1 for 3.
 Germany controls Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol. No change.
 Russia controls Mos, War, StP, Swe, Rum, Nor, Bul, Sev.
 Builds 1 for 8.
 Turkey controls Ank, Smy, Con, Gre, ~~Vie~~, Tun. No change.

Deadline for Winter 1903 builds:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16th.

Carbon-copy notification as usual.

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PRESS RELEASES.

London.

Despite repeated requests, the London Press Agency continues to preserve its silence. ALBION reporters, sent to find out the cause of the trouble, came back reporting that they could not even find London.

The mystery remains unsolved.

Berlin.

Bulow still retains strict censorial control on the German Press, and states that news is unlikely to be forthcoming until the present grievous situation is resolved.

Paris.

Due to the recent hostility shown by Sultan-A, Turkey's current leader (regret the repetition of this pun, but the editor chose to change my spelling in the last issue and the joke was lost - * sorry to raise it again), our most gallant leader, Emperor De Gaul has released the newsman imprisoned in the Bastille following the attack on Sultan-A in the press.

Recent events have proved that everything said by the newsman, one Noir Sheep De Gaul, were correct, and Emperor De Gaul has personally apologised to Noir Sheep for doubting him, and has presented him with the highest civil award, the Croix De Gaul. He further appointed Noir Sheep to the position of Imperial Independent Newsman for the Court of France U.N.B.I.A.S.E.D. (Official Newsman By Imperial Appointment Subject to Emperor's Discretion - i.e. as long as it suits me).

The Emperor, in a nationwide broadcast, denied the preposterous allegations made in the Turkish Press and pointed out that France had held to all her agreements, as her allies could clearly see from French troop movements. He stated that 'only turncoats and enemies of France need fear French intentions; we have proved to our true allies, Germany and Italy, that we can be trusted whilst other countries have attacked them: who then might Italy and Germany believe - them or us?'

(*Editor's Note. The Editor tries regularly to correct the many spelling mistakes which appear in press reports emanating from some countries. On seeing the one referred to, he debated for some time whether any country would wish to be a party to such a gruesome pun, and decided not. The apparent error was therefore corrected. However, our apologies are due to the French Press, who clearly have no qualms about this sort of thing - djt).

Victory Celebrations.

Paris became 'gay Paree' once more, as news of the Italian naval victory over a combined Austrian/Turkish Task Force spread through the capital. Parisians showed joy and relaxation for the first time since the treacherous declaration of war was issued last year, and a feeling of hope and confidence prevailed.

Details of the battle have been sent in by Noir Sheep, and appear later; meanwhile celebrations continued throughout France as

Emperor De Gaul announced the arrival of the French First Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The Emperor has ordered a public holiday in recognition of the Italian feat and has promised the French people swift and terrible revenge for the insults received from France's antagonists.

England.

Emperor De Gaul, noticing the uncanny silence hanging over England, has sent investigating teams to discover what the trouble is there. He hopes that this gesture of Friendship towards ALBION will be duly noted, bearing in mind the plea sent out by the editor in the last issue. He further trusts it will prove once and for all his determination to work for peace in Europe despite allegations to the contrary.

Austrian Naval Debacle.

Today I witnessed the most fantastic battle ever to take place in naval history, when I watched an Italian Lobster fleet defeat the finest ships Austria can produce.

The grand Austria-Hungary fleet was anchored off Apulia, shelling a harmless Italian fishing harbour, when the Italian fishing fleet, returning from a day's work, sailed into sight. On seeing the damage caused by this cowardly attack on their homes, the Italians headed straight for the Austrian fleet and attacked it without hesitation.

Unafraid of the size of the Austrian battleships, the fishermen leapt over the side of their own boats and swam beneath the ships clutching a can opener in each hand, which they used to devastating effect.

This unorthodox warfare proved too much for the Austrians and, after half his fleet had been sunk by the brave Italians, the Admiral signalled the remainder of his ships to retreat.

A nearby Turkish Admiral, who had witnessed the whole affair, ordered his own fleet to open fire on the routed Austrians in a fit of temper. This was done with devastating effect and the remainder of the Austrian ships were soon sent below by their allies.

It was noted however that the Turks made no attempt to attack the Italian fishermen, who proved the old saying - it's quality that counts, not quantity.

Noir Sheep De Gaul. Imperial News Reporter. News at 10.10 p.m.

Austria in turmoil.

For two years now, ever since the Italian army liberated Tyrolia from the tyrant's yoke, Italian soldiers have been showing themselves to be superior to their Austrian counterparts time and again, beating off every futile and pathetic attempt by the Austrians to regain control of this Italian province. So bad have these defeats been, in fact, that it is rumoured that the army is preparing to revolt and take control of the Government. Members of this underground movement have been in touch with Italian authorities to solicit aid for their cause; in return they have promised to aid Italy against Abdul the Terrible Turk. Italy has agreed to supply these dissidents with firearms to replace the Austrian army regulation scythes and pitchforks; they have also agreed to supply

uniforms to replace the dress loin cloths worn by the Austrian Imperial Guard.

It is thought in official circles that the widespread riots now taking place throughout Austria have been instigated by the army in preparation for their take-over bid. Dramatic developments are expected to take place in the very near future.

Noir Sheep De Gaul. Imperial News Reporter. News at 10.10 p.m.

Moscow.

A report from William Hicuppy special co-respondent.

Much refreshed these days, the Tzar has returned to his next favourite pastime of playing soldiers. There is much talk of a declaration of war. However the Tzar would appear to be too engrossed in his present enterprises to get round to it, so it may be that the war will be over before he gets round to declaring the start of it.

Over in the Prussian pleasure houses our visiting nobles are finding things rather intolerable - someone watered the beer! What an unfriendly thing for those Blackguardly Germans to do when they left.

The Tzar is taking English lessons; so maybe he is thinking of taking his next holiday over there. Still he would have to learn to swim in order to get over the Norwegian Sea since the one Russian fleet in the area is having a ball in the Norwegian coastal ports. Any suggestion by the Tzar for them to put to sea could easily lead to mutiny.

Report on Press Conference in Moscow.

The commander-in-chief of the Russian forces said that in future he would be giving the news of the progress of the war since the Tzar considered that it was below his dignity.

The CinC gave a warning that any move by France into English territory would be regarded as grave provocation and would lead to an immediate declaration of war by Russia on that country.

It was obvious that the French plebs were prepared to take advantage of the lack of preparation of the British.

He said that the war with Germany would not last long since the German forces are entirely disorganised, so that the superior forces of the Tzar would easily sweep all before them.

Constantinople.

The NANA has been informed that Sultan-A has answered a request from the Italian Free Peoples' State to aid their forthcoming coup d'etat. It is obvious that the Italian people have suffered greatly under Lollobrigida's rule of oppression. With this afore-mentioned coup in mind, Turkey has taken the first of many steps towards the ultimate freedom of the Italian people; thus, the recently acquired Italian territory of Tunis has been relieved by Admiral Abdul-C. This will weaken the Italian Government considerably, and it is predicted that the true colours will now be shown by France, with a French fleet being hurried to the Western Mediterranean to aid their ally.

The present situation regarding the continued indecision of England has left the whole of Western Europe in an unbalanced state. This lack of willingness to face her foe is completely untypical of this nation. Sultan-A has always regarded Great Britain as a country willing to meet its obligations in any circumstances, and he feels that the present situation is alien to the English race. England has now left herself completely open to an invasion of her homeland by the tyrant De Gaul. Only a complete volte face by the English Government could lead to a situation such as this. It is felt that the Sultan speaks for most of the European States with regard to the present position of England.

Vienna.

Press Release from the Austro-Hungarian M.O.I.

The disastrous sequence of events which led up to the loss of the Adriatic fleet has caused great consternation amongst the supporters of the Government led by Prince Michael of Buda. In the Assembly the Government just managed to win a vote of confidence after a long and heated debate.

The Naval Minister attempted, amidst uproar, to defend the honour of his Admirals (!!!) but was unable to explain the apparent failure of the fleet to sail in the right direction. It seems that navigational errors resulted in some inhabitants of the Trieste coastline having at least one battleship, three heavy cruisers and six destroyers parked, like stranded whales, in their back gardens. Grave doubts were expressed, and it is unlikely that the beached warships can ever be refloated. The presence of Italian paddle-steamers in the Adriatic does not appear to worry the authorities. Obviously the whole episode, which on the surface looks like a disaster, is merely part of some deeper strategy.

From the banks of the Piave to the heights of Tolmezzo stand the eight divisions of General Blastitz's Third Army. Around Belluno and Longarone heavy fighting, with resultant casualties to both sides, has not altered by one inch the territorial gains secured by the Italian invaders during the first few weeks of the war. Repeated attempts to cross the Piave at Nervesa and Zenson by the Italian 7th division ended in their complete defeat.

The little town of Vittorio Veneto stands in the front line between the combatants. Its market square empty, but for the solitary sentry who paces the steps of the Town Hall. It was here that the Italians, in the first blaze of success, erected their statue 'The Winged Victory'. The statue now lies broken at the foot of its pedestal, a worthy reminder of the folly of false pride and boastfulness.

Serious doubts are being expressed about the present policy of the German Government. Rumour has it that an understanding between Germany, France and Italy is being agreed, the first aim of the alliance being the overthrow of the Austrian State. Such a step would be interpreted by other powers as a direct threat to the present status quo in Central Europe. The Moscow

Conference has therefore come at a moment when the revitalisation of a new security system for the Eastern Powers must be treated as a positive step in the preservation of international good faith. Due regard should be paid to the intentions and expectations of such arrangements as may be formulated. States whose combined military and economic power deserve respect are unlikely to be impressed by the false offers and contradictory statements emanating from certain capitals.

Rome.

In an official communique issued today, the Italian Government announced the complete destruction of the Austrian fleet which recently sailed into the home waters of the Adriatic. Enthusiastic crowds swarmed into the streets, shouting and cheering, and within a few moments the entire city was turned into a carnival mood.

The commanders of the 15th and 222nd fleets, who had combined to annihilate the hated enemy, were greeted with cheers as they arrived at the main station in Rome on their way to the Palace to receive their decorations. Vice-Admiral Alberto Ueberelli and Rear-Admiral Giuseppe Garribaldi Gottabelli were to be promoted to Lords of the Bed-Chamber, and each received the Noble Order of the Golden Boot bestowed upon them by His Most Exalted Majesty, King Victor Emmanuel XXXIX.

In a joint statement issued by the Italian and French Governments, an answer was made to the outrageous attacks upon these two peace-loving nations by the mad-dogs of heathenism, the Turks. As the unspeakable infidels had already issued a declaration of war, there was nothing the two Governments could do, but preparations were well in hand to defend the bastions of Christendom against this new onslaught. The Italian people were prepared to see their homes in ruins, their lands devastated, if by this destruction time could be bought to bring the remaining rulers of Europe to their senses. The Italian people would fight to the last man against the invasions of the Austrian and Turkish instigators of this new menace to peace.

Already, posters are going up all over Italy, with the stirring words blazed across them - MORTE A AUSTRIANO E TRUKISIO! VIVA ITALIA! VIVA PATRIA! VIVA FRANCHIOSI!

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Just a thought which I thought I would pass on to readers as a post-script: if you want to keep pornography away from school-children, just put it in the school text-books; that way they'll never read it.

With apologies to the Laugh-In.

This issue of ALBION at least hasn't wasted any stencils. The contents are still rather low, though; the editor isn't feeling his usual inventive self lately - must get a secretary. Airmail seems to have been very slow lately - Diplomacy magazines from the U.S.A. just have not been arriving. However no doubt the post office will unbend in due course.

END OF ALBION 6.

The Lat Pge.

